BENT ON A STRANGE MISSION.

Recollections of John F. Speed-Lincoln's Lack of Affectation and Vices-How He Made Two People Happy - Plucking Thistles and Planting Flowers.

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XXII. In 1863 Mr. Lincoln was informed one morning that among the visitors in the antercom of the White House was a man who claimed to be his relative. He walked out and was surprised to find his boyhood friend and cousin, Dennis Hanks. The latter had come to see his distinguished relative on a rather strange mission. A number of persons living in Coles county, in Illinois, offended at the presence and conduct of a few soldiers who were at home from the war on furlough at the town of Charleston, had brought about a riot, in which encounter several of the latter had been killed. Several of the civilian participants who had acted as leaders in the strife had been arrested and sent to Fort McHenry or some other place of confinement equally far from their homes. The leading lawyers and politicians of central Illinois were appealed to, but they and all others who had tried their hand had been signally unsuccessful in their efforts to secure the release of the prisoners. Meanwhile some one of a sentimental turn had conceived the idea of sending garrulous old Dennis Hanks to Washington, fondly believing that his relationship to the president might in this last extremity be of some avail. The novelty of the project secured its adoption by the prisoners' friends, and Dennis, arrayed in a suit of new clothes, set out for the national capital. I have heard him describe this visit very minutely. How his appearance in Washington and his mission struck Mr. Lin-

coln can only be imagined. The president, after listening to him and learning the purpose of his visit, retired to an adjoining room and re-



DENNIS HANKS

turned with an extremely large roll of papers, labeled "The Charleston Riot Case," which he carefully untied and gravely directed his now diplomatic consin to read. Subsequently, and as if to continue the joke, he sent him down to confer with the secretary of war. He soon returned from the latter's office with the report that the head of the war department could not be found, and it was well enough that he did not meet that abrupt and oftentimes demonstrative official. In the course of time, however, the latter happened in at the executive mansion, and there, in the presence of Dennis, the president sought to reopen the now noted Charleston case. Adopting Mr. Hanks' version, the secretary, with his characteristic plainness of speech, referring to the prisoners, declared that "every d-d one of them should be hung." Even the humane and kindly inquiry of the president, "If these men should return home and become good citizens, who would be burt?" failed to convince the distinguished secretary that the public good could be promoted by so doing. The president not feeling willing to override the judgment of his war secretary in this instance, further consideration of the case ceased, and his cousin returned to his home in Illinois with his mission unaccomplished.

Dennis' Opinion of Stanton.

Dennis retained a rather unfavorable impression of Mr. Stanton, whom he described as a "frisky little Yankee with a short coattail." "I asked Abe," he said to me once, "why he didn't kick him out. I told him he was too fresh altogether." Lincoln's answer was, "If I did. Dennis, it would be difficult to find another man to fill his place." The president's cousin sat in the office during the endless interviews that take place between the head of the nation and the latter's loyal subjects. He saw modesty and obscurity mingling with the arrogance of pride and distinction. One day an attractive and handsomely dressed woman called to procure the release from prison of a relative in whom she professed the deepest interest. She was a good talker, and her winning ways seemed to be making a deep impression on the president. After listening to her story he wrote a few lines on a card, inclosing it in an envelope and directing her to take it to the secretary of war. Before sealing it he showed it to Dennis. It read, "This woman, dear Stanton, is a little smarter than she looks to be." She had, womanlike, evidently overstated her case.

Before night another woman called, more humble in appearance, more plainly clad. It was the old story-father and son both in the army, the former in prison. Could not the latter be discharged from the army and sent home to help his mother? A few strokes of rious recollection!"

the pen, a gentle nod of the head, and THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. tears and expressing a grateful acknowl-edgment her tongue could not utter, passed out.

A Year Friend's Testimony.

It will interest the reader and no doubt aid him greatly in drawing the portrait of Lincoln to call up for the purpose a friend of his, whose testimony is not only vivid and minute, but for certain reasons unusually appropriate and essential. The friend referred to is Joshua F. Speed. Under date of Dec. 6, 1866, he says: "Mr. Lincoln was so unlike all the men I had ever known before or seen or known since that there

is no one to whom I can compare him. "The beauty of his character was its entire simplicity. He had no affectation in anything. True to nature, true to himself, he was true to everybody and everything around him. When he was ignorant on any subject, no matter how simple it might make him appear, he was always willing to acknowledge it. His whole aim in life was to be true to himself, and being true to himself he

could be false to no one. "He had no vices even as a young man. Intense thought with him was the rule and not, as with most of us, the exception. He often said that he could think better after breakfast, and better walking than sitting, lying or standing. His worldwide reputation for telling anecdotes and telling them so well was, in my judgment, necessary to his very existence. Most men who have been great students, such as he was, in their hours of idleness have taken to the bottle, to cards or dice. He had no fondness for any of these. Hence he sought relaxation in anecdotes. So far as I now remember of his study for composition, it was to make short sentences and a compact style.

"Unlike all other men, there was entire harmony between his public and private life. He must believe he was right, and that he had truth and justice with him, or he was a weak man, but no man could be stronger if he thought he was right.

His Kindness of Heart.

'The last interview but one I had with him was about ten days prior to his last inauguration. Congress was drawing to a close. It had been an important session. Much attention had to be given to the important bills he was signing. A great war was upon him broke their promises in a few weeks and and the country. Visitors were coming and going to the president with their varying complaints and griev- not help us because the flesh is so weak ances from morning till night with (Rom. viii, 3). almost as much regularity as the ebb and flow of the tide, and he was worn down in health and spirits.

"On this occasion I was sent for to come and see him. Instructions were given that when I came I should be admitted. When I entered his office, it was quite full and many more, among them gress, still waiting. As soon as I was fairly inside the president remarked that he desired to see me as soon as he was through giving audiences, and that if I ed;" so that the thought in "jealous" is not a few senators and members of conhad nothing to do I could take the pa | simply that of claiming what is rightfully pers and amuse myself in that or any other way I saw fit till he was ready. "In the room, when I entered, I ob-

served sitting near the fireplace, dressed in humble attire, two ladies, modestly whole heart (I Chron. xxviii, 9), with huwaiting their turn. One after another of the visitors came and went, each bent 2), with the Spirit (Rom. i, 9), and conon his own particular errand, some satisfied and others evidently displeased at the result of their mission. The hour had arrived to close the door against all further callers. No one was left in the room now except the president, the two ladies and me. With a rather peevish and fretful air he turned to them and said, 'Well, ladies, what can I do for 26). When we are fully yielded to Him you?' They both commenced to speak at once. From what they said he soon learned that one was the wife and the other the mother of two men imprisoned for resisting the draft in western Pennsylvania. 'Stop,' said he. 'Don't say any more. Give me your petition.' The did serve Him all the days of Joshua, and old lady responded: 'Mr. Lincoln, we've of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had got no petition. We couldn't write one and had no money to pay for writing one, and I thought best to come and see you.' 'Oh,' said he, 'I understand your cases!' He rang his bell and ordered one of the messengers to tell General must of necessity be against ourselves, for Dana to bring him the names of all the men in prison for resisting the draft in western Pennsylvania. The general soon came with the list. He inquired if there was any difference in the charges or degrees of guilt. The general replied that he knew of none. 'Well, then,' said he, 'these fellows have suffered long enough, and I have thought so for some time, and now that my mind is on the subject I believe I will turn out the whole flock. So draw up the order, general, and I will sign it.' It was done, and the general left the room. Turning to the women, he said, 'Now, ladies, you can go.' The younger of the two ran forward and was in the act of kneeling in thankfulness. 'Get up,' he said. 'Don't kneel to me, but thank God and go.

"We were now alone. I said to him, 'Lincoln, with my knowledge of your nervous sensibility, it is a wonder that such scenes as this don't kill you.' He ful through and through, for He desireth thought for a moment and then an- truth in the inward parts and underswered in a languid voice: 'Yes, you are standeth all the imaginations of the to a certain degree right. I ought not to thoughts of the heart (Ps. li, 6; I Chron. undergo what I so often do. I am very unwell now. My feet and hands of late seem to be always cold, and I ought perhaps to be in bed, but things of the sort you have just seen don't hurt me. voice will we obey." The faithful servant for, to tell you the truth, that scene is has only to be "willing and obedient" sort you have just seen don't hurt me. the only thing today that has made me (Isa. i, 19) in order to be pleasing unto his forget my condition or given me any Master. It is ours to be wise enough to forget my condition or given me any pleasure. I have, in that order, made two people happy and alleviated the distress of many a poor soul whom I never expect to see. That old lady, he con- must take good heed to hear only His voice. tinued, 'was no counterfeit. The mother spoke out in all the features of her the people that day, and set them a statute face. It is more than one can often say and an ordinance in Shechem." that in doing right one has made two people happy in one day. Speed, die when I may, I want it said of me by those who know me best that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower plucked a thistle and planted a flower ber the "Stone of Israel," who is the "faithwhen I thought a flower would grow.' ful and true Witness" (Gen. xlix, 24; Rev. What a fitting sentiment! What a glo-

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Text of the Lesson, Joshua zziv, 14-95. Memory Verses, 32-34 - Golden Text, Joshus zaiv, 24-Commentary by the

14. "Now, therefore, fear the Lord, and serve Him in sincerity and in truth." Joshua had fulfilled his mission and had now come to the end of his sojourn in the mortal body, being about 110 years old (verse 29). He assembled the people at Shechem, and calling for the elders and judges and officers he reminded them of all the Lord's goodness and faithfulness and earnestly exhorted them to serve Him sincerely. "Serve" is the key word to this address. It is found in some form at least 19 times in our lesson, and suggests very strongly to us that we are saved in order to serve Him who saves us. See Ex. iv, 22, 93; I Thess. i, 9; II Chron. xxix, 11. We are also to serve always in the fear of the Lord, which includes a practical acquaint-ance with Him and a profound reverence and cordial affection for Him (Prov. 1, 7;

15. "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." It is evident from this and the preceding verse that their ancestors beyond the river (R. V.) were idola-From such as these Abram was called out. God does not compel, but He sets before us the right and the wrong, drawing us strongly to the right by His Holy Spirit, yet leaving us to choose. The leaders, like Joshua, must make the choice first, for the people cannot be expected to choose the good if the leaders do not. If all teachers and preachers were as decided and whole hearted for God as Joshua there might be less worldliness in many places. We are all too apt to consider what others do and follow them. We should have Joshua's spirit of whole heartedness for God regardless of others. The race is to be run "looking unto Jesus," which implies looking away from all else (Heb. xii,

16-18. "Therefore will we also serve the Lord, for He is our God." This is the conclusion of the people's reply to Josh-ua's words. They acknowledge that the Lord their God brought them out of Egypt, preserved them in all the way and brought them into the land. Therefore they should certainly serve Him, and not other gods. Their fathers had, however, made as good resolutions as these at Horeb when they said, "All that the Lord hath spoken will we do" (Ex. xix, 8), but they were found worshiping a golden calf. The law which is holy and just and good can-

19, 20. "And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the Lord, for He is an Holy God. He is a jealous God." They could not serve Him in their own strength. They could not serve Him and others, too (Math. vi, 24). The people of an Holy God must be a holy people (Lev. xix, 2; xx, 7, 26; xxi, 8; I Pet. i, 15, 16; Isa.vi, 8; Rev. iv. 8). Just seven times is God called a jealous God. Besides this verse see Ex. xx,5; xxxiv, His own. We are not our own, but bought with a price, that He may be glorifled in us. We are a people for His own possesston (I Cor. vi, 19, 20; Titus ii, 14, R. V.). We are to serve Him with a perfect or mility (Acts xx, 19,) with gladness (Ps. c, tinually (Dan. vi, 16, 20). Of ourselves we cannot do this, but Christ can, and a Christian should be able to say truthfully, "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me' (Gal. ii, 20). It is written of Him, "The Son of Man came to minister," "I am among you as He that serveth," "If any man serve Me, him will My Father honor' (Math. xx, 28; Luke xxii, 27; John xii, according to Rom. xii, 1, 2, He will work in us both to will and to do (Phil. ii, 13;

Heb. xiii, 21). 21. "And the people said unto Joshua, Nay, but we will serve the Lord." They seem very sincere and determined by His grace to serve Him, and we find that they seen the great works of the Lord that He

did for Israel (verse 31; Judg. ti, 7). 22. "And Joshua sald unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the Lord to serve Him. When we take a stand for the Lord, it we are by nature against God, "The carnal mind is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Rom. viii, 7). Our Lord also said, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself" (Math. xvi, 24). From beginning to end of the Christian life it is a continued stand against self for God. 'Even Christ pleased not Himself' (Rom. xv, 3). He never sought His own will, nor His own glory (John vi, 38; viii, 50), nor did He ever take credit to Himself for either words or works (John xii, 49; xiv, Paul's mottoes were "Not I, but Christ," "Not I, but the grace of God" (Gal. ii, 20; I Cor. xv, 10). See also II Cor. iv, 11.

23. "Now, therefore, put away the strange gods which are among you and in-cline your heart unto the Lord God of Is-The idols, the old man, the weights and besetting sins, are to be put away, put off and laid aside (Eph. iv, 22; Heb. xii, 1, 2), and eyes and heart must be ever unto Him. We must be very sincere and truthxxvili, 9; I Sam. xvi, 7). Here again we are helpless and must pray "Incline my

heart unto Thy testimonies. 24. "And the people said unto Joshua, The Lord our God will we serve, and His hear only His commands and faithful enough to do them; He will see to all the results, and success, as He counts it, is sure. There are many voices today, but we 25, "So Joshua made a covenant with

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## LECAL NOTICES.

DROBATE ORDER.—State of Michigan-At a session of the Probate Court for the county of Van Buren, holden at the probate office, in the village of Paw Paw, on Tuesday, the 10th day of September, in the year one thousand eight hundred Present, Hon. Benjamin F. Heckert, Judge of

In the matter of the estate of Barnabee Evans, deceased. On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, the petitioner should not be granted.

of October, 1895, at ten o'clock in the forenoon be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and ail persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said Court, then to be holden at the probate office, in the village of Paw Paw, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the

petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered, That said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the True Northerner, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Van Buren, for three successive weeks at least previous to said day of hearing, 1244015) BENJ. F. HECKERT, Judge of Probate.

MORTGACE SALE.—Detault having bee IVI made in the conditions of a certain mortgage, made by Alvah Leet and Lydia M. Leet, his wife, to made by Alvah Leet and Lydia M. Leet, his wife, to Cynthis Tyrrell, now Cynthia Doughty, dated December 24th, A. D. 1892, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Van Buren county and state of Michigan on the 28th day of December, A.D. 1892, in liber 50 of mortgages, on page 340. And, whereas, by the terms and provisions of said mortgage it is agreed that should any default be made in the payment of the interest to become due thereon, or any part thereof, on the date whereon the same is made payable, and the same should remain due, unpaid and in arrears for the space of sixty days. is made payable, and the same should remain due, unpaid and in arrears for the space of sixty days, then and from thenceforth, after the lapse of said sixty days, the mortgagee, her heirs or assigns, at her or their option, might declare the whole of the principal sum of the said mortgage due and payable immediately. And whereas, thirty-five dollars of the interest became due and payable on said mortgage by the terms thereof on the 24th day of December, A. D. 1894, which said sum is still due, unpaid and in arrears, and more than sixty days

becember, A. D. 1834, which said sum is still due, unpaid and in arrears, and more than sixty days have elapsed since the same became due, payable and and in arrears;

Now, therefore, Cynthia Doughty, the owner of said mortgage, has elected and has and does hereby declare the whole amount of said mortgage, both principal and interest, to be now due and payable.

There is now due on said mortgage at the date of There is now due on said mortgage at the date of this notice the sum of two hundred ninety-four dollars and sixty-two cents, (\$294.62), and an attorney's fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) provided for in said lars and sixty-two cents, (\$294.62), and an attorney's fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Saturday, the twelfth day of October, A. D. 1896. at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the north front door of the court house in the village of Paw Paw, Van Buren county, state of Michigan, that being the place where the circuit court for said Van Buren county is holden,) the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage, with interest at seven per cent per annum, and all legal costs, together with an attorney's fee of fifteen dollars covenanted for therein, the premises being described in said mortgage as all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Arlington, in the county of Van Buren and state of Michigan, and known and described as follows, to-wit: The south half (½) of the northwest quarter (½) of section eleven (11) in township two (2) south, range fifteen [15] west, containing forty (40) acres, according to the Inited States survey thereof, be the same more or less.

Dated this 12th day of July, A. D. 1886.

CYNTHIA DOUGHTY, Mortgagee.

Titus & McNeil, Att'ys for Mortgagee.

[4113016]

PROBATE ORDER.—State of Michigan—
County of Van Buren—ss.

At a session of the probate court for said county, holden at the probate office, in the village of Paw Paw, on Thursday, the 19th day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five:

Present, Hon. Benjamin F. Heckert, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Louisa M.

In the matter of the estate of Louisa M. Holmes, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Lyman K. Holmes, praying for reasons therein stated that administration of said estate may be granted to the petitioner, or to some other suitable person;

Thereupon it is ordered that Monday, the 23d day of September, 1886, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and all persons interested in said estate are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden at the probate office, in the village of Paw Paw, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered, That said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the True Northerner, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Yan Buren, for three successive weeks at least previous to said day of hearing.

of hearing. 10t4ol3] BENJ. F. HECKERT, Judge of Probate

LEGAL NOTICES.

MORTGAGE SALE.—Whereas default having been made in the conditions of a certain indeuture of mortgage, beering date the 8th day of June, A. D., 1958, made and executed by Clark W. Reynolds and Cdis Reynolds, his wife, of Yar Rawing A. D., 1958, made and executed by Clark W. Reynolds and Cdis Reynolds, his wife, of Yar Rawing A. D., 1958, made and executed by Clark W. Reynolds and Cdis Reynolds, his wife, of Yar Rawing A. D., 1958, and the same place, which said mortgage in the payment of the interest to become due thereon or any part thereof, on any day shereon the should any hereon the shereon or any part thereof, on any day shereon the shereon or any part thereof, on any day shereon the should the same remain unpaid and in arrear for the space of innety (80) days, then and from theoreforth after the lapse of the said minety (80) days, the mortages of minety (80) days, the mortages of the said minety (80) days have clapsed since of an experiment of the said minety (80) days have clapsed since the said such as the conditions of a certain time of the shinder of the register of deeds for Yan Marchalland and the said study of the control the conditions of a certain time of the shinder of the said mortage, or any part thereof, on any day shereon the shinder of the said minety (80) days have clapsed since the said minety (80) days have clapsed since the said such as an anid principal and interest, to be mortaged to be due and payable. Immediately: and whereas, no hundred three dollars and thrity-six century of the payment of the said such as an anid principal and arrear, and more than ninety (80) days have clapsed since the said such as a principal and interest, to be now due and payable. There is due and unpaid, as principal and interest, to be now due and payable. There is due and unpaid, as principal and interest, or and provided, I shall, on Saturiay the 19th the said such as an anid to statute in such case made and provided, I shall, on Saturiay the side of the said mortage, or any part thereof; notice is hereby

three (23) chains and ten (10) links to the north and south quarter line in said section twenty-one (21), thence south on said quarter line eight (8) chains and eighty [80] links to the margin of the lake, thence southeasterly along the margin of the lake to the east and west quarter line in said section twenty-one [21], thence east on said quarter line about fourteen [14] chains and fifteen [15] links to the place of beginning, except ten [10] acres off the south side of the above described parcel of land, containing forty [40] acres of land more or less, together with the tenements. hereditaments and appurtenances thereinto belonging or in any wise appertaining.

Dated, this 22d day of August, A. D. 1895. t13021 ALBERT HARRISON, Mortgagee. Titus & McNEIL, Att's for Mortgagee.

PROBATE ORDER.—State of Michigan County of Van Buren—ss.

At a session of the Probate Court for the county of Van Buren, holden at the Probate Office, in the village of Paw Paw, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of September, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

Present, Hon. Benjamin F. Heckert, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Ann B. Smith,

deceased.

On reading and fiting the petition, duly verified, of John N. Smith, son of said deceased, praying that a certain instrument in writing, now on file in this court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, may be proved, allowed and admitted to probate, and that execution thereof may be granted to the petitioner, the executor named in said will.

said will;
Thereupon it is ordered that Monday, the 30th day of September, 1895, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and all persons interested in said estate are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden at the Probate Office, in the village of Paw Paw, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the netitioner should not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give

ed, praying that an order may be entered determin-ing who are the legal heirs of said deceased and en-titled to inherit his estate.

Thereupon it is ordered that Monday, the 7th day

and it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing there-of, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the True Northerner, a newspaper printed and of, by Causing to the control of the True Northerner, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Van Buren for three successive weeks at least previous to said day of hearing.

BENJ. F. HECKERT,

PROBATE ORDER.—State of Michigan,
County of Van Buren, ss.—At a session of the
probate court for the county of Van Buren, holden
at the probate office, in the village of Paw Paw, on
Tuesday, the 27th day of Angust, in the year one
thousand eight Fundred and ninety-five.
Present, Hon. Benjamin F. Heckert, Judge of

In the matter of the estate of Fannie M. Comthe harder of the eastern of the state.

On reading and filing the petition, duly verified,
Cornelia J. Tarbell as administratrix of the estate
of said deceased, praying for reasons therein stated
that she may be authorized, empowered and licensed to sell the real estate in said petition described.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 23d day of September, 1895, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and all persons interested in said estate are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden at

show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a cour of this order to be pedicated in by causing a copy of this order to be published in the True Northerner, a newspaper printed and cir-culating in said county of Van Buren, for three successive weeks at least previous to said day of hearing. BENJ. F. HECKERT, Judge of Probate.

DROBATE ORDER.-State of Michigan-At a session of the probate court for the County of Van Buren, holden at the probate office, in the village of Paw Paw, on Tuesday, the 27th day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred

Present, Hon. Benjamin F. Heckert, Judge of In the matter of the estate of Calvin B. Com-

In the matter of the estate of Calvin B. Comstock, decoased.
On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Cornelia J. Tarbell as administratrix of the estate of said deceased, praying for reasons therein stated that she may be authorized, empowered and licensed to sell the real estate in said petition described.

Thereupon it is ordered that Monday, the 23d day of September. 1895, at ten o'clock in the forencon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and all persons interested in said estate are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden at the probate office, in the village of Paw Paw, and show cause if anythere be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the True Northerner, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Van Buren, for three

in the True Northerner, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Van Buren, for three successive weeks at least previous to said day of [0t4o13] BENJ. F. HECKERT, Judge of Probate.

PROBATE ORDER.—State of Michigan—
County of Van Buren,—as.
At a session of the probate court for the county
of Van Buren, holden at the probate office, in the
village of Paw Paw, on Tuesday the 17th day of
September, in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and ninety-five.
Present, Hon. Benjamin F. Heckert, Judge of
Probate.

Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Warren Stoughton, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition duly verified, of Mary C. Stoughton as widow of said deceased, praying that a certain instrument in writing now on file in this court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased may be proved, allowed and admitted to probate as such, and that execution thereof may be granted to John Shank, the executor named in said will.

Thereupon it is ordered that Monday, the 14th day

named in said will.

Thereupon it is ordered that Monday, the 14th day of October, 1895, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of such petition, and all persons interested in said estate are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden at the probate office, in the village of Paw Paw, in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

not be granted.

And it is further ordered that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the True Northerner, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county, three successive lished in the True Northerner, a newspaper prints and circulating in said county, three successiv weeks at least previous to said day of hearing.

BENJ. F. HECKERT.

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Judge of Probate.

LEGAL NOTICES

MORTGAGE SALE. -Whereas, default having been made in the conditions of a certain indenture of mortgage, bearing date the 24th day of May, A. D. 1889, executed by William B. Knight to George E. Breck, which said mortgage was on the 24th day of May, A. D. 1889. filed for record in the office of the register of deeds in and for Van Buren county, Michigan, and by said register duly recorded in liber 39 of mortgages on page 568. And whereas the said George E. Breck afterwards and on the 18th day of June, A. D. 1889, duly assigned said mortgage to E. A. Grane, and which said assignment was afterwards and on the 24th day of December, A. D. 1894, filed for record in the office of the register of deeds in and for Van Buren county, Michigan, and by said register duly recorded in liber 52 of mortgages on page 210. On which said mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, four hundred and forty dollars and fifty-seven cents, (\$440.57), and the legal costs of this proceeding, and no suit at law or proceeding in equity having been instituted to recover the amount due on said mortgage, or any part thereof; Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that, by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage contained, and the statute in such cases made and provided, I shall, on Saturday, the 5th day of October, A. D. 1895, at ten o'clock in the foremoon, at the north front door of the court house for Van Buren county, in the village of Paw Paw, Van Buren county, Michigan, (that being the place of holding the circuit court for the county of Van Buren, sell to the highest bidder the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount then due thereon, with the legal costs of this proceeding and of said sale. The premises described in said mortgage and so to be sold are all those certain pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the township of Waverly, county of Van Buren, state of Michigan, described as the south thirty-five acrees of the north seventy-five acree MORTGAGE SALE. - Whereas, default hav and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any

Dated this 6th day of July, A. D. 1895.

E. A. CRANE, Mortgagee by Assignment.

ROBERT B. CRANE, Att'y for Mortgagee. [3tl3o15]

PROBATE ORDER.—State of Michigan County of Van Buren—ss. County of Van Buren—as.

At a session of the Probate Court for the county of Van Buren, holden at the Probate office, in the village of Paw Paw, on Monday, the 9th day of September, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

Present, Hon. Benjamin F. Heckert, Judge of In the matter of the estate of Samuel C. Becker,

deceased.

On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Sarah Withey, daughter of said deceased, praying that a certain instrument in writing now on file in this court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, may be proved, allowed and admitted to probate as such and that execution thereof may be granted to David R. Wheeler, the executor in said will named.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 7th day of October, 1995, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and all persons interested in said estate are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden at the Probate office, in the village of Paw Paw, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the

notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the True Northerner, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Van Buren, for three successive weeks at least previous to said day of hearing.

BENJ. F. HECKERT, 12444015

Judge of Probate.

DROBATE ORDER.-State of Michigan-At a session of the probate court for the county of Van Buren, holden at the probate office, in the village of Paw Paw, on Friday, the 30th day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five: Present: Hon. Benjamin F. Heckert, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Agnes G. Mur-

In the matter of the estate of Agnes G. Murphy, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Matthew Murphy, praying for reasons therein stated, that administration de bonis non of said estate may be granted to the petitioner or to some other suitable person;
Thereupon it is ordered that Monday, the 30th day of September, 1895, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and all persons interested in said estate are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden at the Probate office in the village of Paw Paw, in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.
And it is further ordered that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the TRUE NORTHERNER, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Van Buren, for three successive weeks at least previous to said day of hearing.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION.—State of Michigan, In the Circuit Court for the County of Van Buren.—In Chancery.

Ada V. Bradley, Complainant, vs. Judson D. Bradley, Defendant. Ninth Judicial Circuit,
Suit pending in the Circuit Court for the County of Van Buren.—In Chancery—at Paw Paw, on the 4th day of September, 1895.

In this cause, it appearing from an affidavit on file, that the defendant, Judson D. Bradley, is a resident of the State of Michigan, and that process for his appearance has been duly issued and that the same cannot be served upon him in this state by reason of his concealment within this state and of his continued absence from his last place of residence. On motion of Titus and McNeil, complainant's solicitors, it is ordered that the said defendant, Judson D. Bradley, cause his appearance to be entered herein within three wonths from the date of this order, and in case of his appearance to this order, and in case of his appearance to the cause his answer to the complainant's bill of complaint to be filed and a copy thereof to be served on said complainant's solicitors within twenty days after service on him of a copy of said oill and notice of this order; and that in default thereof said bill be taken as confessed by said defendant.

And it is further ordered, that within twenty days the said county, and that such publication be continued therein once in each week, for air weeks in succession, or that she cause a copy of this order to be personally served on said defendant, at least twenty days before the time above prescribed for his appearance.

Dated, this 4th day of September, A. D. 1895.

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